

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11 and 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

No new matter is added to the application by this Amendment. Support for the features added to claim 1 can be found within the specification, as originally filed, at, for example, paragraphs [0002]-[0004] of US Patent Publication No. 2006/0057372 for the present application.

Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the application are thus respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth in the February 2, 2010 Interview Summary, Applicants note with appreciation that claim 12 has been identified as containing allowable subject matter.

II. Rejections Under 35 USC 112

A. First Paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Specifically, the Patent Office alleges that (i) specification as filed does not disclose "liquid crystal based display films" but rather merely disclosed that films could be bonded to liquid crystal displays, (ii) no disclosure that the films themselves were liquid crystal based is present nor is it disclosed how to make liquid crystal based films, (iii) this limitation is therefore new matter and furthermore is not enabled by the

specification as filed, (iv) applicants specification as filed does not disclose bonding two films together but rather appears at most to only disclose bonding a film to a liquid crystal display, and (v) applicants newly added limitation in claim 1 is therefore new matter.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the allegations of the Patent Office.

Claim 1 was amended to require a pressure-sensitive adhesive system comprising a first optically transparent substrate bonded to a second optically transparent substrate with pressure-sensitive adhesive, wherein the first optically transparent substrate is a film adapted to be used with a liquid-crystal-based display module and the second optically transparent substrate is the liquid-crystal-based display module.

Applicants submit that amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-8 and 11 comply with the written description requirement and no new matter is being added by this amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

B. Second Paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Patent Office alleges that (i) the term “optically active” as generally used in the chemical arts refers to a material which is achiral and as an overall reading of applicants specification indicates that this is not what is meant (no achiral material are disclosed) it is not clear what this term is intended to mean in the context of the instant invention, (ii) the term “liquid crystal based display films” is unclear in that applicants

remarks indicate a belief that support exists at page two of their specification in which a film which appears to be (?) for a liquid crystal display is disclosed, and (iii) it can not be determined if applicants are claiming adhered films which are intended to be used for liquid crystal display or if applicants are claiming films which are liquid crystal based.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the allegations by the Patent Office.

Applicants submit that amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-8 and 11 are definite, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8, 11 and 12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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